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Corporate Update and Plans for 2022

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENT

The Feasibility Study ("FS") referenced herein that relates to Peak Gold, LLC ("Peak Gold"), was prepared by Kinross Gold Corporation ("Kinross"), which controls the Manager of Peak Gold and holds 70% of its outstanding membership interests, in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101). CORE owns the remaining 30% membership interest in Peak Gold, and must rely on Kinross and its affiliates for the FS and related information. Further, CORE is not subject to regulation by Canadian regulatory authorities and no Canadian regulatory authority has reviewed the FS or passed upon its accuracy or compliance with NI43-101. The terms "mineral resource", "measured mineral resource", "indicated mineral resource" and "inferred mineral resource" as used in the resource estimate, the FS and this presentation are Canadian mining terms as defined in accordance with NI 43-101. Mining disclosure in the United States was previously required to comply with SEC Industry Guide 7 ("SEC Industry Guide 7") under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") adopted final rules to replace SEC Industry Guide 7 with new mining disclosure rules under sub-part 1300 of Regulation S-K of the U.S. Securities Act ("Regulation S-K 1300") which became mandatory for U.S. reporting companies beginning with the first fiscal year commencing on or after January 1, 2021. Under Regulation S-K 1300, the SEC now recognizes estimates of "Measured Mineral Resources", "Indicated Mineral Resources" and "Inferred Mineral Resources". In addition, the SEC has amended its definitions of "Proven Mineral Reserves" and "Probable Mineral Reserves" to be substantially similar to international standards. CORE is in the process of preparing a Regulation S-K 1300 compliant feasibility study.

Investors are cautioned that while the above terms are "substantially similar" to the NI 43-101 definitions, there are differences in the definitions under Regulation S-K 1300 and NI 43-101. Accordingly, there is no assurance any mineral reserves or mineral resources that CORE may report as "probable mineral reserves", "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources" under NI 43-101 would be the same had CORE prepared the mineral reserve or mineral resource estimates under the standards adopted under Regulation S-K 1300. U.S. investors are also cautioned that while the SEC recognizes "measured mineral resources", "indicated mineral resources" and "inferred mineral resources" under Regulation S-K 1300, investors should not assume that any part or all of the mineralization in these categories will ever be converted into a higher category of mineral resources or into mineral reserves. Mineralization described using these terms has a greater degree of uncertainty as to its existence and feasibility than mineralization that has been characterized as reserves. Accordingly, investors are cautioned not to assume that any measured mineral resources, indicated mineral resources or inferred mineral resources that CORE's reports are or will be economically or legally mineable. Please see the CORE's press release dated July 28, 2022 and Kinross' press release dated July 26, 2022 for more detail regarding the FS.



CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING ESTIMATES OF MEASURED, INDICATED AND INFERRED RESOURCES

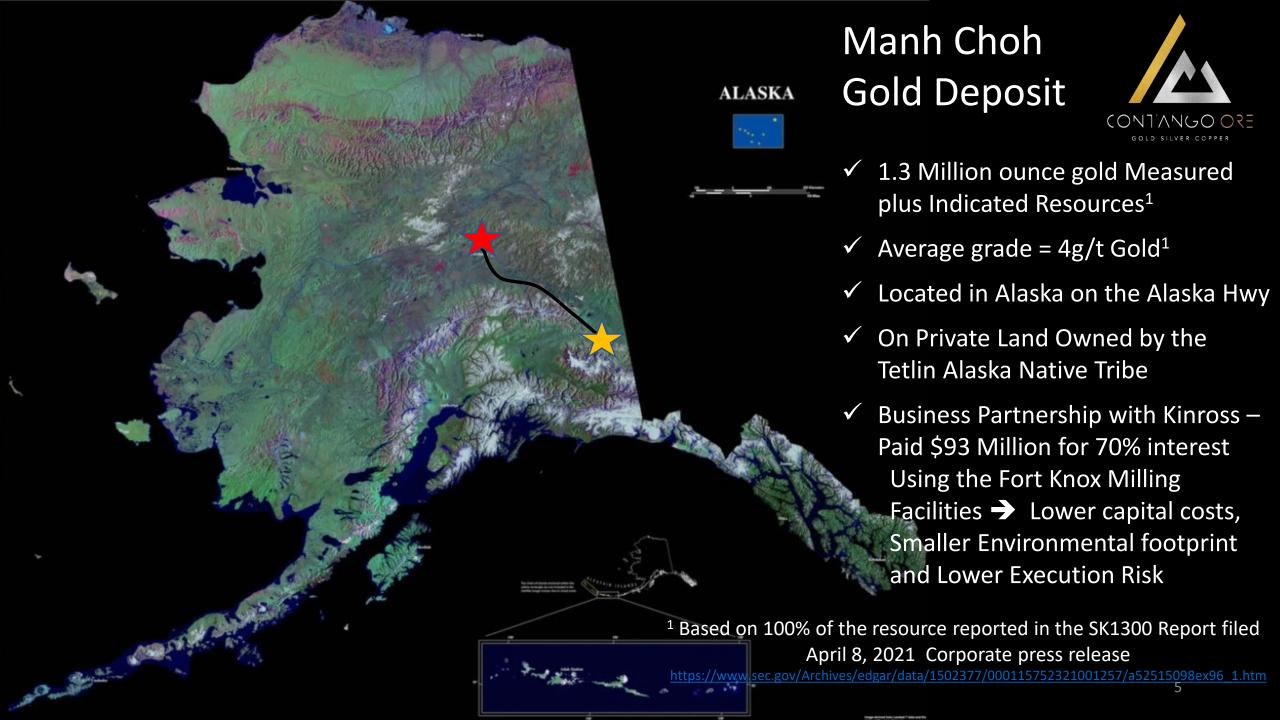
The Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA") referenced herein was prepared in accordance with Canadian National Instrument 43-101 (NI 43-101). CORE is not subject to regulation by Canadian regulatory authorities and no Canadian regulatory authority has reviewed the PEA or passed upon its accuracy or compliance with NI43-101. The terms "mineral resource", "measured mineral resource", "indicated mineral resource" and "inferred mineral resource" as used in the resource estimate, the PEA and this presentation are Canadian mining terms as defined in accordance with NI 43-101; however, these terms are not defined terms under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC's") Industry Guide 7 and are normally not permitted to be used in reports and registration statements filed with the SEC. The estimation of measured resources and indicated resources involves greater uncertainty as to their existence and the legal and economic feasibility of extraction than the estimation of proven and probable reserves. Conversion of mineral resources to proven and probable mineral reserves generally requires a further economic study, such as a preliminary feasibility study. The PEA is not a preliminary feasibility study and does not support an estimate of proven and probable mineral reserves. Investors are cautioned not to assume that all or any part of an inferred mineral resource exists or is economically or legally mineable. Investors are also cautioned not to assume that all or any part of measured or indicated resources will ever be converted into mineral reserves. In addition, the SEC normally only permits issuers to report mineralization that does not constitute mineral reserves as in-place tonnage of mineralized material and grade without reference to unit amounts of metal. Please see the Company's press release dated September 24, 2018 for more detail regarding the PEA.



# Developing Alaska's Next Gold Mines

- Manh Choh Development Stage Project under construction in partnership with Kinross (70%) and the Alaska Native Tetlin Tribe (Royalty)
- 100% Owned Lucky Shot Mine –
   Exploring historic high-grade gold mine
- Three Early-Stage Exploration Projects:
  - Shamrock
  - Eagle-Hona
  - Triple Z







September 2020 entered into JV agreement between Contango (30%) and Kinross (70% and Operator) to form new Peak Gold LLC, with Royal Gold and Tetlin Tribe retaining royalty interests;

Plan is to mine Manh Choh Gold ore and then truck and process the ore at Kinross' Fort Knox Milling Complex

Simple Development Plan - reduces execution risk to produce Gold and Silver over 4.5 year mine-life starting 2024

Projected Timeline: \$19 Million 2021 PGLLC Budget → Studies and Permitting in 2021-22 →

\$25.6 million PGLLC Budget Approved for 2022 → Recently Amended to \$39.6 million

Feasibility in 2022 → Construction in 2022/2023 → Production in 2024 → Explore 2800 sq.km area

# MANH CHOH GOLD PROJECT: Anticipated Economics

Model Assumptions: per Kinross Disclosure<sup>1</sup>



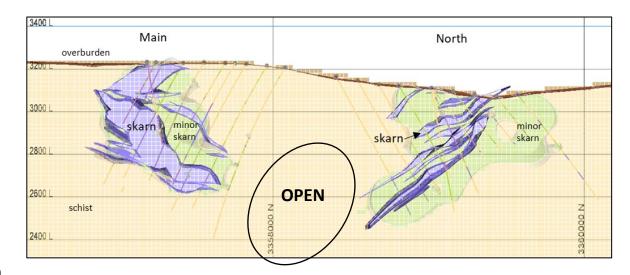
- Using existing infrastructure at Fort Knox, Peak Gold LLC is planning on a 2024 start date
- Kinross estimates 914,000 GEO production over a 4.5-years equating to roughly 225,000 GEO per annum (30% to Contango Ore = 67,500 GEO/Yr)<sup>1</sup>
- Using elevated cut-off grade Average processed grades expected to be ~8 g/t Au
- Capital Costs Existing infrastructure expected to reduce start-up capital requirements
  - → \$182 million (including \$21M Contingency) Contango's Share is \$55 million based on Q2 2022 Feasibility Study¹
- Manager has recommended an additional contingency of \$18 million to cover potential inflationary pressures Contango's Share → \$5.4 million
- Operating Costs Kinross estimates AISC of ~US\$900/GEO¹ Contango AISC pending analysis

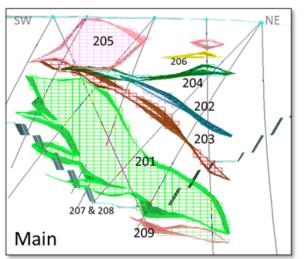
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on Kinross Gold Corporation "Q2 Corporate Update" presentation dated July 27, 2022; Initial capex reflects the feasibility study completed in 2022; The optimization for the mineral reserve estimate assumed a \$1,300 per ounce gold price; the \$182 Million estimate reflects remaining funds to be expended between 2022 and 2024; there will be additional capital required at Fort Knox to accommodate Manh Choh ore; and there will be a Toll Milling charge to the Peak Gold JV; "All-in sustaining cost (AISC) per equivalent ounce sold" is a non-GAAP ratio. see Appendix for disclaimers regarding reconciliation. "GEO" refers to Gold Equivalent Ounces.

#### PEAK GOLD LLC

#### **Exploration Highlights**

- ➤ Completed ~\$3.0 million exploration program Q4 2020 primarily directed at metallurgical and geotechnical drilling, and on-going environmental studies to advance feasibility and permitting
- ➤ Completed ~\$3 million in 2021 exploration program and conducted resource in-fill and condemnation drilling, hydrology, geotechnical metallurgy studies along with engineering and environmental studies to support completion of a feasibility and permitting.
- > 528 Core and RC holes in the database with 394 drill holes used for modeling is including 69,574 m (228,260 ft) of assays.
- Approved \$3 million exploration program to complete regional stream sediment and pan concentrate sample, geologic reconnaissance with 1,348 samples collected (607 stream sediment, 518 soils, and 223 rocks) and approximately 8500 ft (2600 meter) drill program on Chief Danny area targets





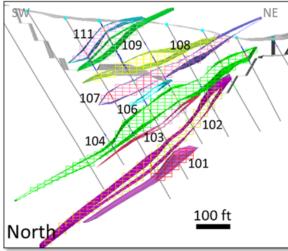
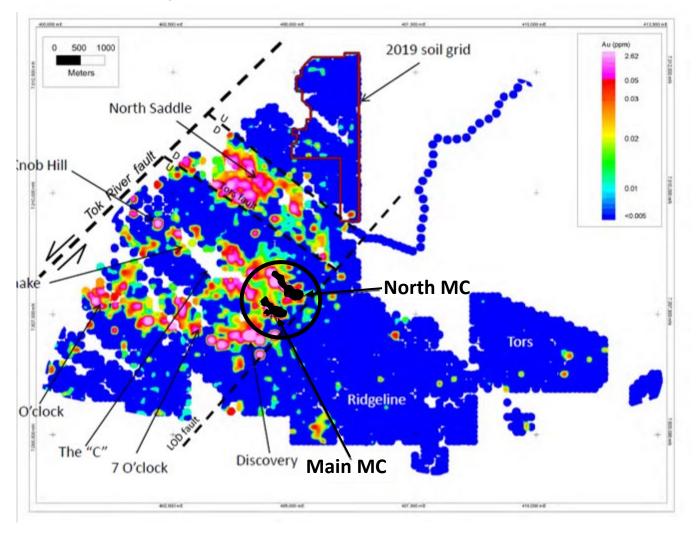


Figure 6-15 Detail of Main and North Skarn Domain Codes.

# MANH CHOH GOLD PROJECT AND SURROUNDING TARGETS

Chief Danny Area: Gold in Soils (thru 2019)

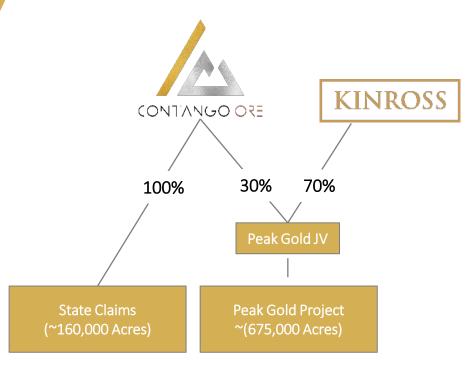


# \$3 Million Exploration Program Planned for 2022

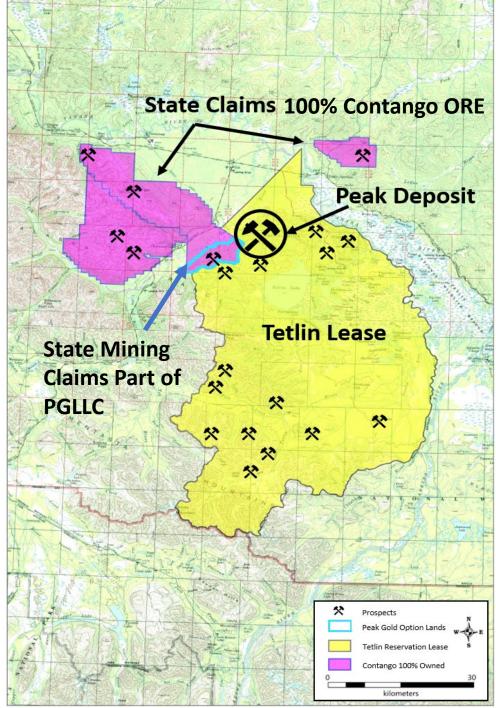
- Exploration for New Resources in Chief Danny Area – 4000 meters (13,000 ft) in 15 to 20 holes
- Further evaluation of 685,000 acre
   Manh Choh property
  - Additional regional stream sediment sampling
  - Geologic mapping
  - Geophysical surveys including detailed ground gravity survey



### **ASSET SUMMARY**

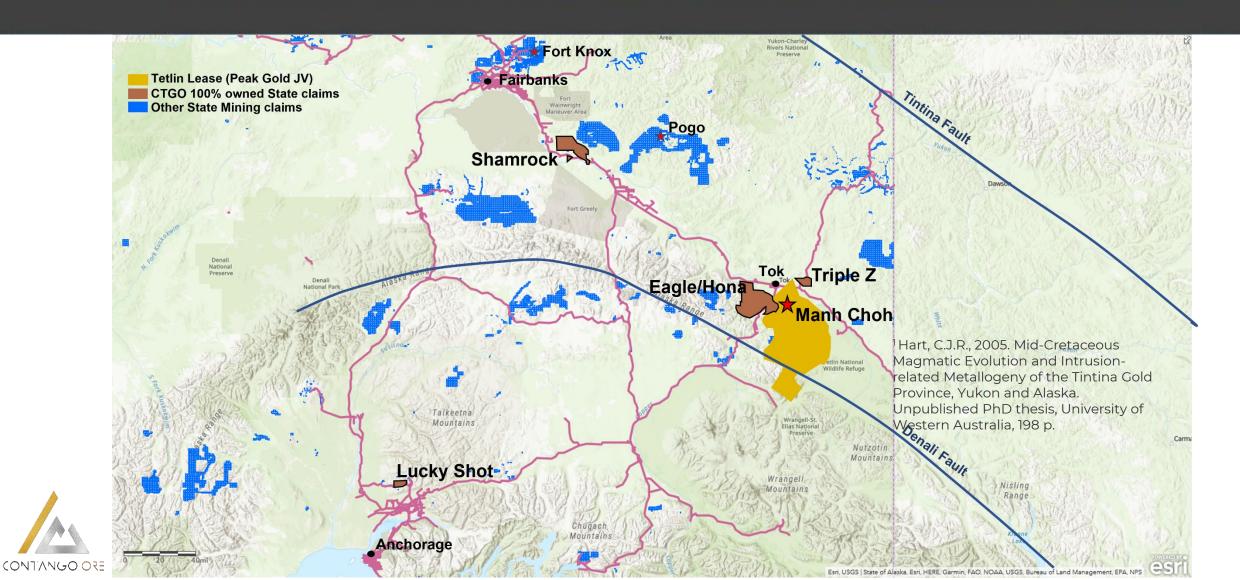


- ➤ The Manh Choh project consists of a ~685,000 acres land package including ~13,423 acres of State Mining Claims
  - → Roughly the size of Rhode Island
- ➤ Contango is also the 100% owner of the Alaska state claims exploration land package (~160,000 acres)





# Tintina Gold Belt > 100 Million Ounce Gold Endowment









### Lucky Shot Property Historic Resources<sup>1</sup>

Historic M&I Reserve on Adjacent Coleman Segment of LS Vein: 206k Tonnes @ 18.3 g/t Gold for 121,500 Ounces of Contained Gold<sup>2</sup>

Willow Creek district historically produced 19 metric tonnes or approximately 610,874 troy ounces from ore ranging between 30 and 60g/t making it the third largest historic lode gold producing district in Alaska (Harlan, et al., 2017)

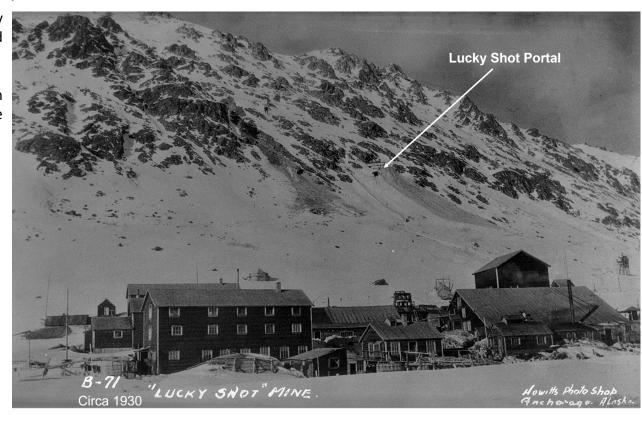
Lucky Shot Mine reported **252,000** ozs from 169,000 tons of free-milling ore indicating an average head grade of 40 g/t (1.6 oz/tonne) (Stoll, 1997), with additional production from the Coleman and War Baby mines.

#### Resource Table from 2016 PFS

The mineral resource is summarized in the table below:

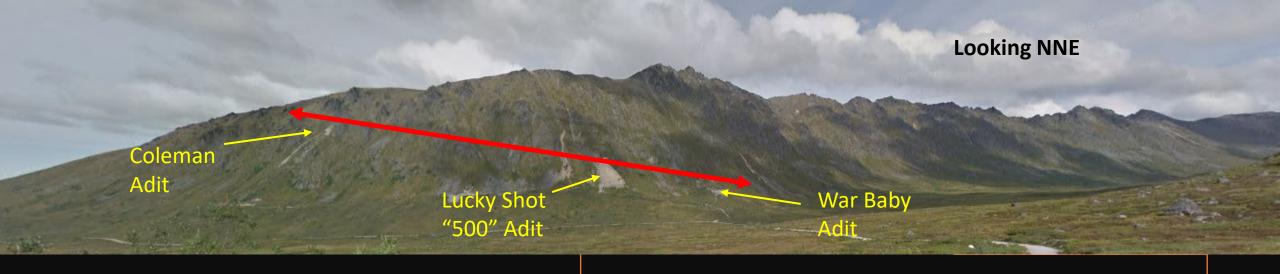
Classification	Tonnes (x1000)	Gold		Silver	
		g/t	oz.	g/t	oz.
Measured	57.9	26.8	49,900	2.5	4,700
Indicated	148.6	15.0	71,600	1.6	7,400
Measured + Indicated	206.6	18.3	121,500	1.8	12,100
Inferred	59.0	18.5	35,100	1.5	2,900

Note: Measured, Indicated and Inferred mineral classifications are assigned according to CIM Definition Standards. Mineral resources, which are not mineral reserves, do not have demonstrated economic viability and there is no guarantee that mineral resources will be converted to mineral reserves. (1) The mineral resource estimate was prepared by HRC based on data and information available as of February 1, 2016. The 2016 Measured, Indicated and Inferred mineral resources are reported considering a base case estimate that applies a cutoff grade of 5 g/t Au based on the estimated operating costs, historical recoveries, and a \$1,265/oz gold price.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The historical production information presented is based upon reports file by the US Geological Survey from information provided by prior owners and operators of the mines. The Company has not undertaken any independent work to verify or confirm the previously reported information ( see Harlan, et al., 2017 and Stoll, 1997). The historical information may not be representative of future results of the Company's activities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on a 2016 pre-feasibility study by Hard Rock Consulting. A qualified person (as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission rules) has not done sufficient work to classify the estimate as a current estimate of mineral resources, mineral reserves or exploration results. The Company is not treating these estimates as current estimates of mineral resources, mineral reserves or exploration results. The historical information may not be representative of future results of the Company's activities

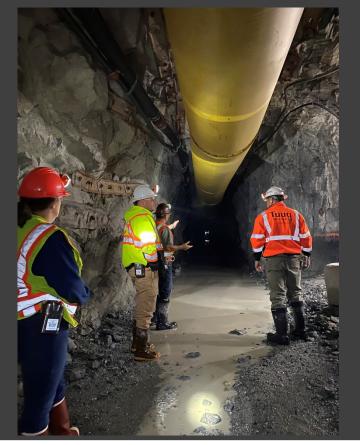


Lucky Shot Vein: +1 mile (1.6 km) strike length and open along strike and down dip











Lucky Shot Update - Safety First Approach

Safety – Keeping Us Healthy & Safe by getting to the root of the problem

## Safety Reporting for Contango

Safety Satistics Reporting				
2022	August			
	Employees	Contractors	Site	
LTI	0	0	0	
First Aid	0	0	0	
Restricted Work	0	0	0	
Near Miss	0	Q	0.	
<b>Equipment Damage</b>	0	0	0	

## **Preparing for Winter and Avalanche Season**

Lucky Shot is an Active
Mine Site and so follows
all Mine Safety and
Health Administration
(MSHA) Reporting

Safety Satistics Reporting				
2022		June		
	Employees	Contractors	Site	
LTI	0	0	0	
First Aid	1	1	2	
Restricted Work	0	0	0	
Near Miss	0	0	0	
Equipment Damage	1	0	1	

#### NOTES:

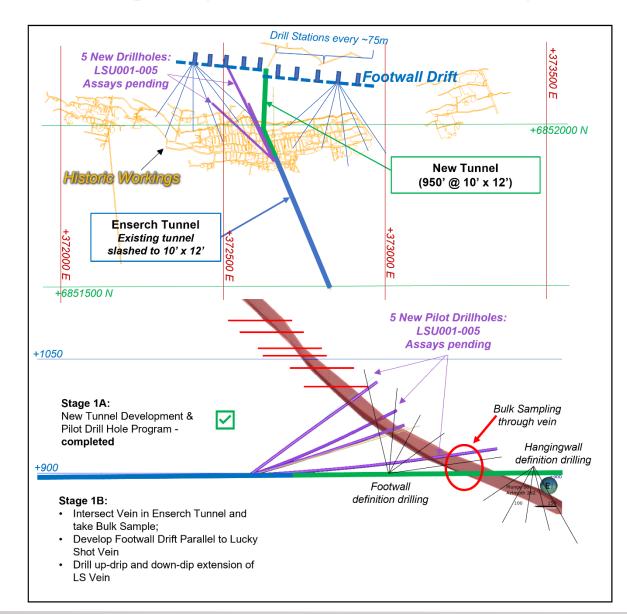
4/8/22 First Aid Incident- Muscle Strain, (lower back) Lifting Jack leg dotor prescribed OTC meds. Employee back to work next shift.

4/14/22: First Aid Incident - Employee muscle strain Left side of neck due to vehicle accident. Employee back to work on next scheduled shift.

4/14/22: Vehicle accident; truck totaled.

Safety Satistics Reporting				
2022	July			
	<b>Employees</b>	Contractors	Site	
LTI	0	0	0	
First Aid	0	0	0	
Restricted Work	0	0	0	
Near Miss	0	0	0	
<b>Equipment Damage</b>	0	0	0	
NOTES:				

Contango Exploration Plan for Lucky Shot Project



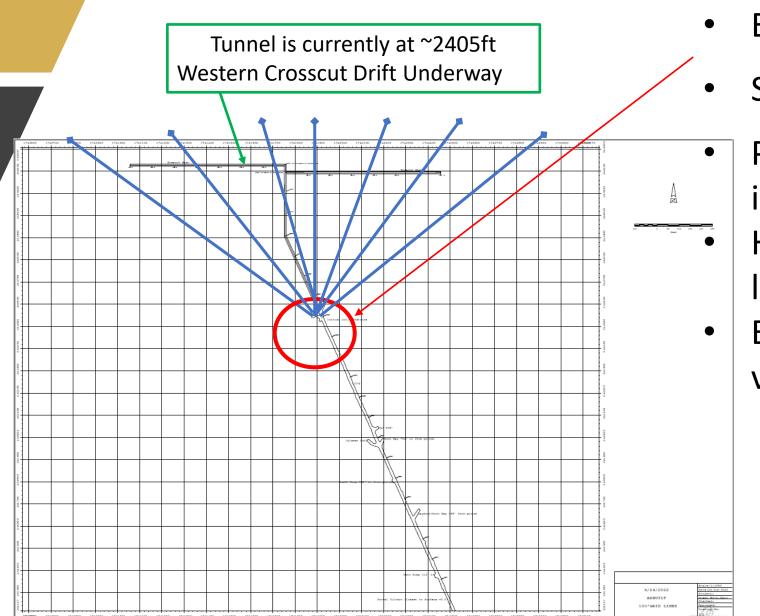
#### Objective:

Define 500,000 ounces of gold resource by drilling Lucky Shot vein down dip from historically produced 250,000 ounces averaging 40g/t <sup>1</sup>

- ✓ Rehab and extend existing Enserch tunnel to explore the Lucky Shot vein down-dip - prep for exploration drilling in three stages:
- Stage 1a Drift 500 meters along footwall and parallel to vein for detailed in-fill drilling;
- Stage 1b Continue Enserch tunnel as a ramp into hanging wall side of vein and drill a second panel down dip on Lucky Shot vein
- Stage 2: Connect Enserch and Lucky Shot tunnels
- Stage 3: Access historic M&I Resources <sup>1</sup> at Coleman zone by building a ramp from the Enserch level to the Coleman level in an effort to add ounces to the mine plan
- Evaluate District Scale potential

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#### Lucky Shot – Enserch Tunnel Location of Pilot Holes

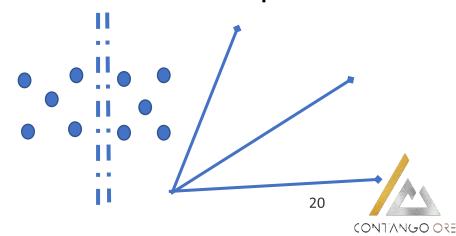


Exploration drill located here

Started exploration/pilot hole

Plan is to drill ten (10) holes in a fan pattern
Holes are 600 to 1100 feet in length

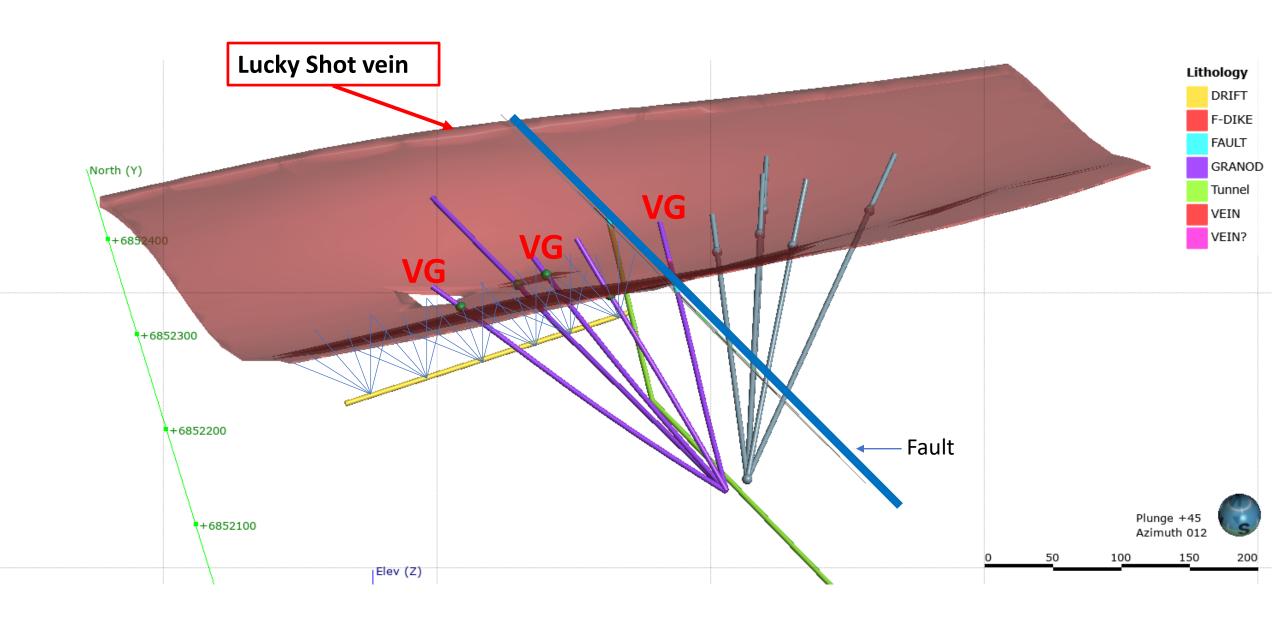
Extend tunnel to intersect the vein and bulk sample



#### Lucky Shot – Pilot Hole Drill Holes



- Plan is to drill ten (10) holes in a fan pattern
- 6 holes completed to date from Western Ballroom
- All 6 holes intersecting the Lucky Shot Vein
- 3 contained Visible Gold (VG)
   ASSAYS PENDING!
- Complete 5 holes from Eastern Ballroom
- Extend tunnel to intersect the vein and bulk sample



#### **DEVELOPING ALASKA'S NEXT GOLD MINES**

## IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KINROSS AND THE TETLIN ALASKA NATIVE TRIBE WITH CONTINUED EXPLORATION TO EXPAND RESOURCES



#### **Partnered with Proven Operator**

- Plan to truck ore to Fort Knox mill simplifies permitting and execution
- Kinross has proven operating experience in Alaska further reducing risk
- The plan lowers the required capital and shortens timelines to production by leveraging existing infrastructure
- High grade open pit production expected to result in strong free cash flows



#### **Creating Shareholder Value**

- Strong management that has created significant value for shareholders
- Planned listing on NYSE American Exchange
- Clear path to production decision
- Uniquely positioned for growth



#### **Growth with Exploration Success**

 Significant exploration potential on the Peak Gold JV lands as well as the 100% owned State of Alaska mining claims adjacent to the future operation







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#### **APPENDIX**

# NON-GAAP RECONCILIATION DISCLAIMER

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